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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, NL, VS, VN

SUBJECT: GON POLICY ON VIETNAM

REF: THE HAGUE 1680

1. WE WELCOME STATEMENT IN MFA COMMUNIQUE (APRA 1 REFTEL) THAT PARIS AGREEMENTS SHOULD BE RESPECTED AND CARRIED OUT BY ALL PARTIES. HOWEVER, WE ARE ASTONISHED THAT COMMUNIQUE GOES ON TO STATE "IT IS NOTABLY IMPORTANT THAT AGREEMENTS PROVIDE FOR FORMATION OF NEW GOVERNMENT CONSISTING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF RV, PRG, AND THIRD FORCE." THIS IS A GROSS MISINTERPRETATION OF THE AGREEMENT WHICH THE COMMUNISTS HAVE BEEN PUSHING PRIVATELY BUT WHICH EVEN THEY HAVE NOT DARED TO STATE PUBLICLY, SINCE IT IS SO CONTRARY TO WHAT WAS ACTUALLY AGREED.

2. PRESUMABLY THIS DISTORTED IDEA IS BASED ON THE PROVISIONS OF  
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ARTICLE 12 OF THE AGREEMENT WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT

OF A NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD (NCNRC). THIS COUNCIL IS NOT A "NEW GOVERNMENT," BUT HAS ONLY LIMITED FUNCTIONS, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO ELECTIONS, SET FORTH CAREFULLY IN THE AGREEMENT.

3. FURTHERMORE, THE AGREEMENT NOWHERE SPEAKS OF A "THIRD FORCE," BUT MERELY PROVIDES THAT "THE TWO SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTIES SHALL HOLD CONSULTATIONS IN A SPIRIT OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD, MUTUAL RESPECT, AND MUTUAL NON-ELIMINATION TO SET UP A NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD OF THREE EQUAL SEGMENTS." FROM THIS IT IS CLEAR THAT THE COMPOSITION OF THE NCNRC, AND THE DEFINITION OF, AND THE PROCEDURE FOR CHOOSING, THE "THREE EQUAL SEGMENTS" IS LEFT TO FUTURE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTIES.

4. IT MIGHT BE FURTHER NOTED THAT THE COMMUNIST SIDE BROKE OFF THE POLITICAL TALKS DESIGNED TO SET UP THE NCNRC ON MAY 13, 1974, CONDITIONING THEIR RETURN ON THE OVERTHROW OF PRESIDENT THIEU AND VARIOUS OTHER DEMANDS. THE GVN, ON THE OTHER HAND, HAS REPEATEDLY STATED IT IS WILLING TO RESUME TALKS AIMED AT FINDING A POLITICAL SOLUTION INCLUDING ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NCNRC. IN PRESIDENT THIEU'S MOST RECENT SPEECH ON APRIL 4, IN SPITE OF THE PRESENT DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES OF HIS COUNTRY, HE REAFFIRMED GVN WILLINGNESS TO RETURN TO TALKS WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS.

5. WE THINK IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT GON IS REWARDING AGGRESSION BY ESPOUSING PUBLICLY A COMMUNIST RE-INTERPRETATION OF THE AGREEMENT WHICH EVEN THE LATTER ONLY PUT FORWARD PRIVATELY.

6. RECOMMENDATION: THAT EMBASSY THE HAGUE BE INSTRUCTED TO MAKE ABOVE POINTS TO MFA AT HIGH LEVEL. GVN MFA IS ALSO AWARE OF GON STATEMENT AND WE EXPECT GVN CHARGE' WILL BE MAKING SIMILAR APPROACH.  
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